

North River Commission

MA Dept of Conservation & Recreation – Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke & Scituate
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Minutes September 26, 2019 – Meeting #539

Present: Hanover, Dan Jones (M), Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Norwell, Robert Molla (A), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M), Scituate, Joseph Norton (M)

Not Attending: Hanover, John O'Leary (A), Marshfield, Chris Head (M), Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard (A), Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Pembroke, Andrew Sullivan (A), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (A)

7:00 – Call to Order

1. Minutes approved for July 25, 2019 meeting.
2. Administrators Report - Administrator reported on the status of correspondence with 251 Damons Point Road, 560 Spring Street, 49 Canoe Club Lane and 1 Trouants Island. Several parties responded via email, each to receive follow up communication, and parties who were nonresponsive will receive additional urging to communicate with the Commission. Administrator reviewed real estate transactions in the Corridor and reported on welcome letters sent to new property owners. Administrator discussed DEP Compliance Division assistance for dock projects that were non-compliant and it was agreed to pursue this avenue. Administrator reported on the successful conclusion of a matter of jet skiers illegally on the river. Administrator reported on information provided by Marshfield Conservation Commission regarding 1327 Union Street, Marshfield.

7:15 – Request for Determination - 41 Arrowhead Drive, Norwell - Michael Murphy, Homeowner, Paul Mirabito, P.L.S., Ross Engineering - Representative - Mr. Mirabito presented plans for the razing of an existing shed and the construction of a 24' x 24' detached garage 225' from the Natural Bank. There was discussion about whether the proposed structure was a "Principal Structure" or an "Accessory Structure". It was determined to be a "Principal Structure" as proposed and that being so did not meet the setback calculus for such a structure. The applicant proposed reducing the size of the structure so that it would meet "Accessory Structure" standards. Mr. Mirabito revised the plan at the meeting to a smaller size (24' x 20' max., parallel to the river) and height to meet the requirements. A motion was made and seconded and it was unanimously determined that the revised structure was an Allowed Use.

Plans referenced: "Site Plan for 41 Arrowhead Drive in Norwell, Mass, Scale: 1"=30', Dated September 23, 2019, last revision dated 9/26/19, Ross Engineering Inc, Paul J. Mirabito, R.L.S."; "Proposed Garage, Murphy Residence, 41 Arrowhead Drive, Norwell, MA., 02061, Alissa Jones Design, Dated: 8-19-19, Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"."

7:30 – Request for Determination - 423 West Elm Street, Pembroke - Jessica Nassif, Homeowner, Joe Webby, P.L.S., Webby Engineering Associates - Representative - Mr. Webby presented a plan for a septic system upgrade project. This is an "after the fact" filing for a project that has already been completed. The nearest point of the septic system to the Natural Bank is 142'. The project was approved by Pembroke Board of Health and Pembroke Conservation Commission. A motion was made and seconded and there was a unanimous determination that the project as presented was an Allowed Use.

Plan referenced: "Repair of Sanitary System, Pembroke, Mass, Lot 4, Plan B14, 423 West Elm Street, Prepared for Jessica Nassif, Scale: 1"=20', Dated September 13, 2018, Webby Engineering Associates, Inc. Joseph E. Webby, Jr., P.L.S., Richard R. DeBenedictis, P.E."

7:45 – Informal Discussion - 70 River Road, Hanover - Knudsen, Homeowners - Mr. & Mrs. Knudsen discussed plans for a pathway to the river, a shed and a flotation dock in the river. The Commission explained the 15' wide pathway requirement, setback and dock requirements, including additional state and municipal authorities that would need to approve any dock project. The Commission advised that a plan be prepared and presented to the Commission for approval prior to starting any construction

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

Gary Wolcott, Administrator

Action Items: 9/26/19:

RFD Decision letters for 41 Arrowhead Drive, Norwell and 423 West Elm Street, Pembroke

Budget Increase Letter to DCR

Send 3rd communication to 251 Damons Point Road, Marshfield inviting homeowner to come in and discuss ongoing project.

Send 3rd communication to 560 Spring Street, Marshfield inviting homeowner to come in and discuss ongoing project.

Send 2nd letter to 49 Canoe Club Lane, Pembroke inviting homeowner to come in and discuss ongoing project.

Send 2nd letter to 1 Trouants Island, Marshfield inviting homeowner to come in and discuss project.

Research tree cutting on Harbor Lane, Norwell property.

Research structure near natural bank on Cove Creek, Marshfield property.

Send 892 Summer Street, Marshfield dock information to DEP/Waterways Compliance Division.

Send letter to 1327 Union Street, Marshfield